

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

This act is not only good, it is necessary for the betterment of education. As a teacher of 35 years in CT, I witnessed the reduction of respect for and appreciation of the profession. THIS has caused the reduction of quality students seeing the job as a real career.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

